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June 16, 2004

Ref: 3608-22048

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
~~Post Office Box 94275~~
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
MA-3 Zone, Reservoir E
Patterson FIELD
St. Mary Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Carrizo Oil and Gas, Inc.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Carrizo Oil and Gas, Inc.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the MA-3 Zone, Reservoir E, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 570 acres for the MA-3 Zone, Reservoir E, designated as the MA-3 RE SUA, Patterson Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the MA-3 RE SUA;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
3. To designate a unit operator and a unit well for the proposed unit;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

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The MA-3 Zone, Reservoir E, in the Patterson Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 17,564 feet and 17,760 feet (electrical log measurements) in Carrizo Oil and Gas, Inc.-Shadyside No. 1 Well, located in Section 58, Township 15 South, Range 11 East.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on April 15, 2004. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference. The rights of the parties were reserved.

The conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. Bill Dale of W. H. Robbins & Associates, Inc. presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. David Smelley and Mr. Louis Gilbert on behalf of SKH Energy Fund, L.P. presented a plan of 183 acres; Mr. Frank Harrison on behalf of Dominion Exploration & Production, Inc. presented a plan of 219 acres; Mr. Bobby Anderson on behalf of the Comeaux Family presented a plan of 652 acres; Mr. Leon Comeaux on behalf of Spencer Todd, et al presented a plan of 670 acres and Mr. Jim Hardwick on behalf of Shadyside Company, Ltd. presented a plan of 400 acres. The parties continued to attempt to resolve their differences. Some, but not all, of the parties agreed to reconcile their differences utilizing the 570 acre unit proposed herein. It is anticipated that there still will be opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the revised MA-3 RE SUA, Patterson Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties. The applicant will hold a prehearing conference to discuss the revised plan if requested by any interested owner or represented party.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Bill Dale, of W. H. Robbins & Associates, Inc., 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, La 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



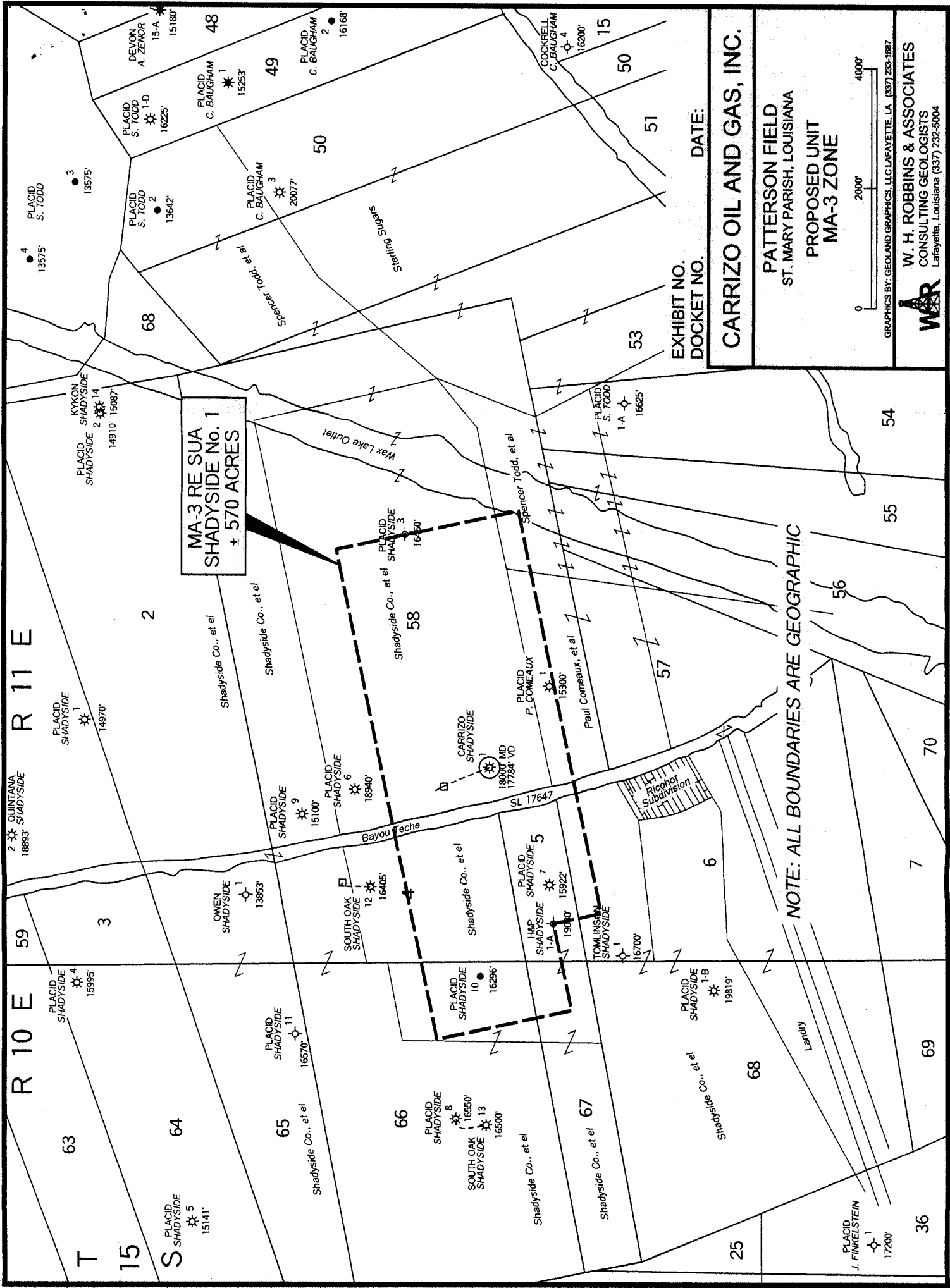
B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and
Interested Parties and parties on attendance lists



DATE:

EXHIBIT NO.
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CARRIZO OIL AND GAS, INC.

PATTERSON FIELD
ST. MARY PARISH, LOUISIANA
PROPOSED UNIT
MA-3 ZONE

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